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Abstract

The invention relates to a process for preparing the compounds of general formula

$$R^1$$
 OR^5
 CH_2R^4
 R^3
 R^2
formula I

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by enantioselective hydrogenation of the compounds of formula II

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in the presence of special hydrogenation catalysts. The invention is characterised by high enantioselectivity, providing easy access to a category of important pharmaceutical compositions, i.e. intermediates for the synthesis of tipranavir.

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